



Article Fixed Point Theorems for Set-Valued Contractions in Metric Spaces

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Abstract: In this paper, the concepts of Wardowski-type set-valued contractions and Işik-type set-valued contractions are introduced and fixed point theorems for such contractions are established. A positive answer to the open Question is given. Examples to support main theorems and an application to integral inclusion are given.

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1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Wardowski [1] introduced the notion of *F*-contraction mappings and the generalized Banach contraction principle by proving that every *F*-contractions on complete metric spaces have only one fixed point, where $F: (0, \infty) \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty)$ is a function such that

(F1) *F* is strictly increasing;

(F2) for all sequence $\{s_n\} \subset (0, \infty)$,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} s_n = 0 \iff \lim_{n \to \infty} F(s_n) = -\infty;$$

(F3) there exists a point $q \in (0, 1)$: $\lim_{t\to 0^+} t^q F(t) = 0$.

Among several results ([2–18]) generalizing Wardowski's result, Piri and Kumam [19] introduced the concept of Suzuki-type F-contractions and obtained related fixed point results in complete metric spaces, where $F : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty)$ is a strictly increasing function such that

(F4) $\inf F = -\infty;$

(F5) *F* is continuous on $(0, \infty)$.

Nazam [20] generalized Wardowski's result to four maps defined on b-metric spaces and proved the existence of a common fixed point by using conditions (F2), (F3) and

(F6)
$$\tau + F(rs_n) \leq F(s_n) \Longrightarrow \tau + F(r^ns_n) \leq F(r^{n-1}s_{n-1})$$
 for each $r > 0, n \in \mathbb{N}$, where $\tau > 0$.

Younis et al. [18] generalized Nazam's result in b-metric spaces using only condition (F1). That is, they only used the strictly growth of $F : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty)$ and distinguished two cases: s = 1 and s > 1, where s is the coefficient of b-metric spaces. Younis et al. [21] introduced the notion of Suzuki–Geraghty-type generalized (F, ψ)-contractions and generalized the result of [14] in partial b-metric spaces along with Geraghty-type contraction with conditions (F1), (F4) and (F5), and they gave applications to graph the theory and solution of some integral equations. Younis and Singh [22] extended Wardowski's result to b-metric-like spaces and obtained the sufficient conditions for the existence of solutions of some class of Hammerstein integral equations and fractional differential equations.



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Copyright: © 2024 by the author. Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. This article is an open access article distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (https:// creativecommons.org/licenses/by/ 4.0/). On the other hand, Abbas et al. [23] and Abbas et al. [24] extended and generalized Wadorski's result to two self mappings on partially ordered metric space and fuzzy mappings on metric spaces, respectively, and proved the existence of a fixed point using conditions (F1), (F2) and (F3).

Note that for a function $F: (0, \infty) \to (-\infty, \infty)$, the following are equivalent:

- (1) (F2) is satisfied;
- (2) (F4) is satisfied;
- (3) $\lim_{t\to 0^+} F(t) = -\infty.$

Hence, we have that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}s_n=0\Rightarrow\lim_{n\to\infty}F(s_n)=-\infty$$

whenever (F4) holds.

Very recently, Fabiano et al. [25] gave a generalization of Wardowski's result [1] by reducing the condition on function $F : (0, \infty) \to (-\infty, \infty)$ and by using the right limit of function $F : (0, \infty) \to (-\infty, \infty)$. They proved the following Theorem 1.

Theorem 1 ([25]). *Let* (E, ρ) *be a complete metric space. Suppose that* $T : E \to E$ *is a map such that for all* $x, y \in E$ *with* $\rho(Tx, Ty) > 0$ *,*

$$\tau + F(\rho(Tx, Ty)) \le F(\rho(x, y))$$

where $\tau > 0$ and $F : (0, \infty) \to (-\infty, \infty)$ is a function. If (F1) is satisfied, then T possesses only one fixed point.

In [25], Fabiano et al. asked the following question:

Question ([25]). Can conditions for the function *F* be reduced to (*F*1) and (*F*2), and can the proof be made simpler in some results for multivalued mappings in the same way as it was presented in [25] for single-valued mappings?

In this paper, we give a positive answer to the above question by extending the above theorem to set-valued maps and obtain a fixed point result for Işik-type set-valued contractions. We give examples to interpret main results and an application to integral inclusion.

Let (E, ρ) be a metric space. We denote by CL(E) the family of all nonempty closed subsets of *E*, and by CB(E) the set of all nonempty closed and bounded subsets of *E*.

Let $H(\cdot, \cdot)$ be the generalized Pompeiu–Hausdorff distance [26] on CL(E), i.e., for all $A, B \in CL(E)$,

$$H(A,B) = \begin{cases} \max\{\sup_{a \in A} \rho(a,B), \sup_{b \in B} \rho(b,A)\}, & \text{if the maximum exists} \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $\rho(a, B) = \inf{\{\rho(a, b) : b \in B\}}$ is the distance from the point *a* to the subset *B*.

Let $\delta(A, B) = \sup\{\rho(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}$. When $A = \{x\}$, we denote $\delta(A, B)$ by $\delta(x, B)$.

For $A, B \in CL(E)$, let $D(A, B) = \sup_{x \in A} d(x, B) = \sup_{x \in A} \inf_{y \in B} d(x, y)$. Then, we have that for all $A, B \in CL(E)$

$$D(A,B) \le H(A,B) \le \delta(A,B).$$

Note that the following Lemma 1 can be obtained by applying the assumptions of Lemma 1 to Theorem 4.29 of [27]. In fact, let $F : (0, \infty) \to (-\infty, \infty)$ be monotonically increasing (x < y implies $F(x) \le F(y)$) and $\{p_n\}$ be a given sequence of $(0, \infty)$ such that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} p_n = l$$
, where $l > 0$.

Then, it follows from Theorem 4.28 of [27] that we obtain the conclusion of Lemma 1. Here, we give another proof of Lemma 1.

Lemma 1. Let l > 0, and let $\{t_n\}, \{s_n\} \subset (l, \infty)$ be non-increasing sequences such that

$$t_n < s_n, \forall n = 1, 2, 3, \cdots$$
 and $\lim_{n \to \infty} t_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} s_n = l.$

If $F: (0,\infty) \to (-\infty,\infty)$ is strictly increasing, then we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} F(t_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} F(s_n) = F(l^+) \ge F(l).$$

where $F(l^+)$ denotes $\lim_{t\to l^+} F(t)$.

Proof. As *F* is strictly increasing, the function F_* : $(0, \infty) \rightarrow F((0, \infty))$ defined by $F_*(t) = F(t) \ \forall t \in (0, \infty)$, is bijective and continuous on $(0, \infty)$. We infer that

$$\lim_{t \to l^+} F_*(t) \ge F_*(l), \lim_{n \to \infty} F_*(t_n) = \lim_{t \to l^+} F_*(t) \text{ and } \lim_{n \to \infty} F_*(s_n) = \lim_{t \to l^+} F_*(t).$$

Since $\{t_n\}$ and $\{s_n\}$ are non-increasing, it follows from the strict increasingness of *F* that

$$F_*(t_{n+1}) \le F_*(t_n) < F_*(s_n) \le F_*(s_{n-1}).$$

Hence, we obtain that

$$\lim_{t\to l^+} F_*(t) = \lim_{n\to\infty} F_*(t_{n+1}) \le \lim_{n\to\infty} F_*(t_n) \le \lim_{n\to\infty} F_*(s_n) \le \lim_{n\to\infty} F_*(s_{n-1}) \le \lim_{t\to l^+} F_*(t),$$

which implies

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}F_*(t_n)=\lim_{n\to\infty}F_*(s_n)=F_*(l^+).$$

Since $F_*(t) = F(t) \ \forall t \in (0, \infty)$, we have the desired result. \Box

Lemma 2 ([28]). Let (E, ρ) be a metric space. If $\{x_n\}$ is not a Cauchy sequence, then there exists $\epsilon > 0$ for which we can find subsequences $\{x_{m(k)}\}$ and $\{x_{n(k)}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ such that m(k) is the smallest index for which

$$m(k) > n(k) > k, \ \rho(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \ge \epsilon \text{ and } \rho(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}) < \epsilon.$$

$$(1)$$

Further, if

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\rho(x_n,x_{n+1})=0$$

then we have that

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \rho(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) = \lim_{k \to \infty} \rho(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{m(k)})$$
$$= \lim_{k \to \infty} \rho(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)+1}) = \lim_{k \to \infty} \rho(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{m(k)+1}) = \epsilon.$$
(2)

Lemma 3. Let (E, ρ) be a metric space, and let $A, B \in CL(E)$. If $a \in A$ and $\rho(a, B) < c$, then there exists $b \in B$ such that $\rho(a, b) < c$.

Proof. Let $\epsilon = c - \rho(a, B)$. It follows from the definition of infimum that there exists $b \in B$ such that $\rho(a, b) < \rho(a, B) + \epsilon$. Hence, $\rho(a, b) < c$. \Box

Lemma 4. Let (E, ρ) be a metric space, and let $A, B \in CL(E)$ and $\phi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$ be a strictly increasing function. If $a \in A$ and $\rho(a, B) + \phi(\rho(a, B)) < c$, then there exists $b \in B$ such that $\rho(a, b) + \phi(\rho(a, b)) < c$.

Proof. Since ϕ is strictly increasing,

$$\rho(a,B) < \phi^{-1}(c - \rho(a,B)).$$

By Lemma 3, there exists $b' \in B$ such that

$$\rho(a,b') < \phi^{-1}(c - \rho(a,B))$$

which yields

$$\rho(a,B) < c - \phi(\rho(a,b')).$$

Again, by applying Lemma 3, there exists $b'' \in B$ such that

$$\rho(a,b'') < c - \phi(\rho(a,b')).$$

Let min{ $\rho(a, b'), \rho(a, b'')$ } = $\rho(a, b)$. Then, we have that

$$\rho(a,b) + \phi(\rho(a,b)) < c.$$

Lemma 5. *If* (E, ρ) *is a metric space, then* $K(E) \subset CL(E)$ *, where* K(E) *is the family of nonempty compact subsets of* E*.*

2. Fixed Point Results

Let (E, ρ) be a metric space, and let $F : (0, \infty) \to (-\infty, \infty)$ be a strictly increasing function. A set-valued map $T : E \to CL(E)$ is called a Wardowski-type contraction if the following condition holds:

There exists a constant $\tau > 0$ such that for all $x, y \in E$ with H(Tx, Ty) > 0,

$$\tau + F(H(Tx, Ty)) \le F(m(x, y)),\tag{3}$$

where $m(x, y) = \max\{\rho(x, y), \rho(x, Tx), \rho(y, Ty), \frac{1}{2}[\rho(x, Ty) + \rho(y, Tx)]\}$. We now prove our main result.

Theorem 2. Let (E, ρ) be a complete metric space. If $T : E \to CL(E)$ is a Wardowski-type set-valued contraction, then T possesses a fixed point.

Proof. Let $x_0 \in E$ be a point, and let $x_1 \in Tx_0$.

If $x_1 \in Tx_1$, then the proof is completed.

Assume that $x_1 \notin Tx_1$. Then, $\rho(x_1, Tx_1) > 0$, because $Tx_1 \in CL(X)$. Hence, $H(Tx_0, Tx_1) \ge d(x_1, Tx_1) > 0$. From (3) we have that

$$\tau + F(H(Tx_0, Tx_1)) \le F(m(x_0, x_1)). \tag{4}$$

We infer that

$$m(x_0, x_1) = \max\{\rho(x_0, x_1), \rho(x_0, Tx_0), \rho(x_1, Tx_1), \frac{1}{2}[\rho(x_0, Tx_1) + \rho(x_1, Tx_0)]\}$$

= $\max\{\rho(x_0, x_1), \rho(x_1, Tx_1)\}$, because that $\rho(x_0, Tx_0) \le \rho(x_0, x_1)$ and
 $\frac{1}{2}[\rho(x_0, Tx_1) + \rho(x_1, Tx_0)] \le \frac{1}{2}[\rho(x_0, x_1) + \rho(x_1, Tx_1)].$

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If $m(x_0, x_1) = \rho(x_1, Tx_1)$, then from (4) we obtain that

$$F(\rho(x_1, Tx_1)) < \tau + F(H(Tx_0, Tx_1)) \le F(\rho(x_1, Tx_1)),$$

which is a contradiction. Thus, $m(x_0, x_1) = \rho(x_0, x_1)$. It follows from (4) that

$$\frac{1}{2}\tau + F(\rho(x_1, Tx_1)) < \tau + F(H(Tx_0, Tx_1)) \le F(\rho(x_0, x_1)).$$
(5)

Since (F1) is satisfied, we obtain that

$$\rho(x_1, Tx_1) < F^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}\tau + F(H(Tx_0, Tx_1))).$$

Applying Lemma 3, there exists $x_2 \in Tx_1$ such that

$$\rho(x_1, x_2) < F^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}\tau + F(H(Tx_0, Tx_1))),$$

which implies

$$F(\rho(x_1, x_2)) < \frac{1}{2}\tau + F(H(Tx_0, Tx_1)) \le F(\rho(x_0, x_1)) - \frac{1}{2}\tau.$$
(6)

Again from (3) we have that

$$\frac{1}{2}\tau + F(\rho(x_2, Tx_2)) < \tau + F(H(Tx_1, Tx_2)) \le F(\rho(x_1, x_2))$$
(7)

which implies

$$\rho(x_2, Tx_2) < F^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}\tau + F(H(Tx_1, Tx_2))).$$

By Lemma 3, there exists $x_3 \in Tx_2$ such that

$$\rho(x_2, x_3) < F^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}\tau + F(H(Tx_1, Tx_2))).$$

Hence, we obtain that

$$F(\rho(x_2, x_3)) < \frac{1}{2}\tau + F(H(Tx_1, Tx_2)) \le F(\rho(x_1, x_2)) - \frac{1}{2}\tau.$$
(8)

Inductively, we have that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$x_n \in Tx_{n-1}$$

and

$$F(\rho(x_n, x_{n+1})) < \frac{1}{2}\tau + F(H(Tx_{n-1}, x_n)) \le F(\rho(x_{n-1}, x_n)) - \frac{1}{2}\tau.$$
(9)

Because *F* is a strictly increasing function,

$$\rho(x_n, x_{n+1}) < \rho(x_{n-1}, x_n), \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Hence, there exists $r \ge 0$ such that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\rho(x_n,x_{n+1})=r$$

Assume that r > 0. By Lemma 1, we have that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} F(\rho(x_n, x_{n+1})) = \lim_{n \to \infty} F(\rho(x_{n-1}, x_n)) = \lim_{t \to r^+} F(t) = F(r^+) \ge F(r).$$
(10)

Taking limit $n \to \infty$ in (9) and using (10), we obtain that

$$F(r^+) \le F(r^+) - \frac{1}{2}\tau,$$

which is a contradiction, because $\tau > 0$. Thus, we obtain that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \rho(x_n, x_{n+1}) = 0. \tag{11}$$

Now, we show that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Assume that $\{x_n\}$ is not a Cauchy sequence. Then, there exists $\epsilon > 0$ for which we can find subsequences $\{x_{m(k)}\}$ and $\{x_{n(k)}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ such that m(k) is the smallest index for which (1) holds. That is, the following are satisfied:

$$m(k) > n(k) > k$$
, $\rho(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)}) \ge \epsilon$ and $\rho(x_{m(k)-1}, x_{n(k)}) < \epsilon$.

It follows from (3) that

$$F(\rho(x_{n(k)+1}, Tx_{m(k)}) < \tau + F(\rho(x_{n(k)+1}, Tx_{m(k)}))$$

$$\leq \tau + F(H(Tx_{n(k)}, Tx_{m(k)}) \leq F(m(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)})).$$
(12)

We infer that

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon &\leq \rho(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) \leq m(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) \\ &= \max\{\rho(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}), \rho(x_{n(k)}, Tx_{n(k)}), \rho(x_{m(k)}, Tx_{m(k)}), \\ \frac{1}{2}[\rho(x_{n(k)}, Tx_{m(k)}) + \rho(x_{m(k)}, Tx_{n(k)})]\} \\ &\leq \max\{\rho(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}), \rho(x_{n(k)}, x_{n(k)+1}), \rho(x_{m(k)}, x_{m(k)+1}), \\ \frac{1}{2}[\rho(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)+1}) + \rho(x_{m(k)}, x_{n(k)+1})]\} \end{aligned}$$
(13)

Taking limit as $k \to \infty$ on both sides of (13) and using (2), we obtain that

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} m(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}) = \epsilon.$$
(14)

Since F is strictly increasing, from (12) we have that

$$\rho(x_{n(k)+1}, Tx_{m(k)}) < F^{-1}(\tau + F(\rho(x_{n(k)+1}, Tx_{m(k)}))).$$

By applying Lemma 3, there exists $y_{m(k)} \in Tx_{m(k)}$ such that

$$\rho(x_{n(k)+1}, y_{m(k)}) < F^{-1}(\tau + F(\rho(x_{n(k)+1}, Tx_{m(k)})).$$

Hence,

$$F(\rho(x_{n(k)+1}, y_{m(k)})) < \tau + F(\rho(x_{n(k)+1}, Tx_{m(k)}))$$

Thus, it follows from (12) that

$$F(\rho(x_{n(k)+1}, y_{m(k)})) <\tau + F(\rho(x_{n(k)+1}, y_{m(k)})) < \tau + F(\rho(x_{n(k)+1}, Tx_{m(k)})) \leq \tau + F(H(Tx_{n(k)}, Tx_{m(k)}))$$
(15)
$$\leq F(m(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}))$$

which leads to

$$\rho(x_{n(k)+1}, y_{m(k)}) < m(x_{n(k)}, x_{m(k)}), \ \forall k = 1, 2, 3, \cdots.$$
(16)

By taking lim sup as $k \to \infty$ in (16) and using (14), we have that

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \sup \rho(x_{n(k)+1}, y_{m(k)}) \le \epsilon.$$
(17)

Since

$$\rho(x_{n(k)+1}, Tx_{m(k)}) \leq \rho(x_{n(k)+1}, y_{m(k)}),
\rho(x_{n(k)+1}, x_{m(k)})
\leq \rho(x_{n(k)+1}, Tx_{m(k)}) + \rho(Tx_{m(k)}, x_{m(k)})
\leq \rho(x_{n(k)+1}, y_{m(k)}) + \rho(x_{m(k)+1}, x_{m(k)}).$$
(18)

Taking lim inf as $k \to \infty$ in (18) and using (2), we obtain that

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$$\epsilon \leq \liminf_{k \to \infty} \rho(x_{n(k)+1}, y_{m(k)}).$$
(19)

It follows from (17) and (19) that

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \rho(x_{n(k)+1}, y_{m(k)}) = \epsilon.$$
⁽²⁰⁾

By applying Lemma 1 to (15) with (14), (16) and (20), we obtain that

$$F(\epsilon^+) \le \tau + F(\epsilon^+) \le F(\epsilon^+)$$

which leads to a contradiction. Hence, $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. From the completeness of *E*, there exists

$$x_* = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n \in E.$$

It follows from (3) that

$$F(\rho(x_{n+1}, Tx_*)) < \tau + F(\rho(x_{n+1}, Tx_*))$$

$$\leq \tau + F(H(Tx_n, Tx_*)) \leq F(m(x_n, x_*)),$$
(21)

where $m(x_n, x_*) = \max\{\rho(x_n, x_*), \rho(x_n, x_{n+1}), \rho(x_*, Tx_*), \frac{1}{2}[\rho(x_*, x_{n+1}) + \rho(x_n, Tx_*)]\}.$ Since *F* is strictly increasing, from (21) we have that

$$\rho(x_{n+1}, Tx_*) < m(x_n, x_*), \tag{22}$$

and thus

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \rho(x_{n+1}, Tx_*) = \lim_{n \to \infty} m(x_n, x_*) = \rho(x_*, Tx_*).$$
(23)

Assume that $\rho(x_*, Tx_*) > 0$. By Lemma 1, we have that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} F(\rho(x_{n+1}, Tx_*)) = \lim_{n \to \infty} F(m(x_n, x_*))$$

=
$$\lim_{t \to \rho(x_*, Tx_*)^+} F(t) = F(\rho(x_*, Tx_*)^+).$$
 (24)

Applying (24) to (21), we obtain that

$$F(\rho(x_*, Tx_*)^+) \le \tau + F(\rho(x_*, Tx_*)^+) \le F(\rho(x_*, Tx_*)^+)$$

which leads to a contradiction. Hence, $\rho(x_*, Tx_*) = 0$, and $x_* \in Tx_*$. \Box

The following example interprets Theorem 2.

Example 1. Let E = [0,1] and $\rho(x,y) = |x - y|$, $\forall x, y \in E$. Then (E, ρ) is a complete metric space. Define a set-valued map $T : E \to CL(E)$ by

$$Tx = \begin{cases} \{1\}, & (x=0)\\ \{\frac{2}{5}, \frac{1}{2}\}, & (0 < x \le 1) \end{cases}$$

Let $\tau = \ln \frac{2.1}{2}$ and $F(t) = \ln t$, $\forall t > 0$. We show that T is a Wardowski-type set-valued contraction. We now consider the following two cases.

First, let x = 0 *and* $0 < y \le 1$.

Then, $H(Tx.Ty) = \frac{3}{5}$. We obtain that

$$\tau + F(H(Tx, Ty)) - F(\rho(x, Tx))$$

= $\tau + F\left(\frac{3}{5}\right) - F(1)$
= $\ln \frac{2.1}{2} + \ln \frac{3}{5} - \ln 1$
= $\ln 6.3 - \ln 10 \approx -0.46 < 0.$

Thus,

$$\tau + F(H(Tx, Ty)) < F(\rho(x, Tx)),$$

which implies

$$\tau + F(H(Tx, Ty)) < F(m(x, y)).$$

Second, let $0 \le x < 1$ and y = 1. Then $H(Tx, Ty) = \frac{4}{5}$. We infer that

$$\tau + F(H(Tx, Ty)) - F(\rho(y, Ty))$$

= $\tau + F\left(\frac{4}{5}\right) - F(1)$
= $\ln \frac{2.1}{2} + \ln \frac{4}{5} - \ln 1$
= $\ln 8.4 - \ln 10 \approx -0.17 < 0.$

Thus,

$$\tau + F(H(Tx, Ty)) < F(\rho(y, Ty))$$

which leads to

 $\tau + F(H(Tx, Ty)) < F(m(x, y)).$

Hence, T is a Wardowski-type set-valued contraction. The assumptions of Theorem 2 are satisfied. By Theorem 2, T possesses two fixed points, $\frac{2}{5}$ *and* $\frac{1}{2}$ *.*

Remark 1. Theorem 2 is a positive answer to Question 4.3 of [25].

Remark 2. *Theorem 2 is an extention of Theorem 2.2* [13] *to set-valued maps without conditions* (F2) *and* (F3).

By Theorem 2, we have the following results.

Corollary 1. Let (E, ρ) be a complete metric space. Suppose that $T : E \to CL(E)$ is a set-valued map such that for all $x, y \in E$ with H(Tx, Ty) > 0,

$$\tau + F(H(Tx, Ty)) \le F(l(x, y)) \tag{25}$$

where $\tau > 0$ and $F : (0, \infty) \to (-\infty, \infty)$ is a function, and

$$l(x,y) = \max\{\rho(x,y), \frac{1}{2}[\rho(x,Tx) + \rho(y,Ty)], \frac{1}{2}[\rho(x,Ty) + \rho(y,Tx)]\}.$$

If (*F*1) *is satisfied, then T possesses a fixed point.*

Proof. Since $l(x, y) \le m(x, y)$, $F(l(x, y)) \le F(m(x, y))$. Thus, (25) implies (2). By Theorem 2, *T* possesses a fixed point. \Box

Corollary 2. Let (E, ρ) be a complete metric space. Suppose that $T : E \to CL(E)$ is a set-valued map such that for all $x, y \in E$ with H(Tx, Ty) > 0,

$$\tau + F(H(Tx, Ty)) \le F(\rho(x, y)) \tag{26}$$

where $\tau > 0$ and $F : (0, \infty) \to (-\infty, \infty)$ is a function. If (F1) is satisfied, then T possesses a fixed point.

Proof. Since $\rho(x, y) \le m(x, y)$ and (F1) holds, (26) implies (2). By Theorem 2, *T* possesses a fixed point. \Box

Corollary 3. Let (E, ρ) be a complete metric space. Suppose that $T : E \to CL(E)$ is a set-valued map such that for all $x, y \in E$ with H(Tx, Ty) > 0,

$$\tau + F(H(Tx, Ty))$$

$$\leq F(a\rho(x, y) + b\rho(x, Tx) + c\rho(y, Ty) + e[\rho(x, Ty) + \rho(y, Tx)])$$
(27)

where $\tau > 0$ and $F : (0, \infty) \to (-\infty, \infty)$ is a function, and $a, b, c, e \ge 0$ and a + b + c + 2e = 1. If (F1) is satisfied, then T possesses a fixed point.

Proof. It follows from (27) that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau + F(H(Tx, Ty)) \\ \leq F(a\rho(x, y) + b\rho(x, Tx) + c\rho(y, Ty) + e[\rho(x, Ty) + \rho(y, Tx)]) \\ = F(a\rho(x, y) + b\rho(x, Tx) + c\rho(y, Ty)] + 2e\frac{1}{2}[\rho(x, Ty) + \rho(y, Tx)]) \\ \leq F((a + b + c + 2e) \max\{\rho(x, y), \rho(x, Tx), \rho(y, Ty), \frac{1}{2}[\rho(x, Ty) + \rho(y, Tx)]\}) \\ = F(m(x, y)). \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 2, *T* possesses a fixed point. \Box

Corollary 4. Let (E, ρ) be a complete metric space. Suppose that $T : E \to CL(E)$ is a set-valued map such that for all $x, y \in E$ with H(Tx, Ty) > 0,

$$\tau + F(H(Tx,Ty))$$

$$\leq F(a\rho(x,y) + b[\rho(x,Tx) + \rho(y,Ty)] + c[\rho(x,Ty) + \rho(y,Tx)])$$
(28)

where $\tau > 0$ and $F : (0, \infty) \to (-\infty, \infty)$ is a function, and $a, b, c \ge 0$ and a + 2b + 2c = 1. If (F1) is satisfied, then T possesses a fixed point.

Proof. It follows from (28) that

$$\begin{aligned} &\tau + F(H(Tx,Ty)) \\ \leq &F(a\rho(x,y) + b[\rho(x,Tx) + \rho(y,Ty)] + c[\rho(x,Ty) + \rho(y,Tx)]) \\ = &F(a\rho(x,y) + 2b\frac{1}{2}[\rho(x,Tx) + \rho(y,Ty)] + 2c\frac{1}{2}[\rho(x,Ty) + \rho(y,Tx)]) \\ \leq &F((a+2b+2c)\max\{\rho(x,y),\frac{1}{2}[\rho(x,Tx) + \rho(y,Ty)],\frac{1}{2}[\rho(x,Ty) + \rho(y,Tx)]\}) \\ = &F(l(x,y)). \end{aligned}$$

By Corollary 1, *T* possesses a fixed point. \Box

Corollary 5. Let (E, ρ) be a complete metric space. Suppose that $T : E \to CL(E)$ is a set-valued map such that for all $x, y \in E$ with H(Tx, Ty) > 0,

$$\tau + F(H(Tx, Ty)) \le F(\frac{1}{2}[\rho(x, Tx) + \rho(y, Ty)])$$
(29)

where $\tau > 0$ and $F : (0, \infty) \to (-\infty, \infty)$ is a function. If (F1) is satisfied, then T possesses a fixed point.

Proof. Since $\frac{1}{2}[\rho(x, Tx) + \rho(y, Ty)] \le l(x, y)$ and (F1) holds, (29) implies (25). By Corollary 1, *T* possesses a fixed point. \Box

Corollary 6. Let (E, ρ) be a complete metric space. Suppose that $T : E \to CL(E)$ is a set-valued map such that for all $x, y \in E$ with H(Tx, Ty) > 0,

$$\tau + F(H(Tx, Ty)) \le F(\frac{1}{2}[\rho(x, Ty) + \rho(y, Tx)])$$
(30)

where $\tau > 0$ and $F : (0, \infty) \to (-\infty, \infty)$ is a function. If (F1) is satisfied, then T possesses a fixed point.

Proof. Since $\frac{1}{2}[\rho(x, Ty) + \rho(y, Tx)] \le l(x, y)$ and (F1) holds, implies (25). By Corollary 1, *T* possesses a fixed point. \Box

Remark 3. Corollary 4 is a generalization of the main theorem of [29]. Indeed, if $F(t) = \ln t$, $\forall t > 0$ and we take T to be the self-mapping of E, then Corollary 4 becomes the main theorem of [29].

Nadler [30] extended Banach's fixed point theorem to set-valued maps. We are calling it Nadler's fixed point theorem. We now prove the following theorem, which is a generalization of Nadler's fixed point theorem.

Theorem 3. Let (E, ρ) be a complete metric space. Suppose that $T : E \to CL(E)$ is an Işik-type set-valued contraction, i.e., for each $x, y \in E$ and each $u \in Tx$, there exists $v \in Ty$ such that

$$\rho(u,v) \le \phi(\rho(x,y)) - \phi(\rho(u,v)) \tag{31}$$

where $\phi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$ is a function such that

$$\lim_{t \to 0^+} \phi(t) = 0. \tag{32}$$

Then, T possesses a fixed point.

Proof. Let $x_0 \in E$, and let $x_1 \in Tx_0$. Then there exits $x_2 \in Tx_1$ such that

$$\rho(x_1, x_2) \le \phi(\rho(x_0, x_1)) - \phi(\rho(x_1, x_2)).$$

Again, there exists $x_3 \in Tx_2$ such that

$$\rho(x_2, x_3) \le \phi(\rho(x_1, x_2)) - \phi(\rho(x_2, x_3)).$$

Inductively, we have a sequence $\{x_n\} \subset E$ such that for all $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$,

$$x_n \in Tx_{n-1} \text{ and } \rho(x_n, x_{n+1}) \le \phi(\rho(x_{n-1}, x_n)) - \phi(\rho(x_n, x_{n+1})).$$
 (33)

It follows from (33) that $\{\phi(\rho(x_{n-1}, x_n))\}$ is a non-increasing sequence and bounded below by 0. Hence, there exists $r \ge 0$ such that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\phi(\rho(x_{n-1},x_n))=r$$

We show that $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence.

Let *m*, *n* be any positive integers such that m > n. Then we have that

$$\rho(x_{n}, x_{m}) \leq \rho(x_{n}, x_{n+1}) + \rho(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + \rho(x_{m-1}, x_{m}) \leq \phi(\rho(x_{n-1}, x_{n})) - \phi(\rho(x_{m-1}, x_{m})) \leq \phi(\rho(x_{n-1}, x_{n})) - r.$$
(34)

Letting $m, n \to \infty$ in (34), we obtain that

$$\lim_{n,m\to\infty}\rho(x_n,x_m)=0.$$

Thus, $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. It follows from the completeness of *E* that

$$x_* = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n \text{ exists.}$$
(35)

Now, we show that x_* is a fixed point for *T*.

It follows from (31) that for $x_n \in Tx_{n-1}$, there exists $v \in Tx_*$ such that

$$\rho(x_n, v) \le \phi(\rho(x_{n-1}, x_*)) - \phi(\rho(x_n, v)) \le \phi(\rho(x_{n-1}, x_*)).$$
(36)

Taking limit $n \to \infty$ in Equation (36) and using (32), we infer that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\rho(x_n,v)=0$$

which implies

$$x_*=v\in Tx_*.$$

Example 2. Let $E = \{x_n : x_n = \sum_{k=1}^n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ and $\rho(x, y) = |x - y|, \forall x, y \in E$. Then (E, ρ) is a complete metric space.

Define a map $T : E \to CL(E)$ *by*

$$Tx = \begin{cases} \{x_1\}, & (x = x_1) \\ \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \cdots x_{n-1}\}, & (x = x_n). \end{cases}$$

Let $\phi(t) = \frac{1}{2}t, \forall t \ge 0$. We show that condition (31) is satisfied. Consider the following two cases. First, let $x = x_1$ and $y = x_n, n = 2, 3, 4, \cdots$. *Then, for* $u = x_1 \in Tx$ *, there exists* $v = x_1 \in Ty$ *such that*

$$\rho(u,v) = 0 < \frac{1}{2}\rho(x_1,x_n) = \phi(\rho(x_1,x_n)) = \phi(\rho(x_1,x_n)) - \phi(\rho(u,v)).$$

Second, let $x = x_n$ and $y = x_m$, m > n, $n = 2, 3, 4, \cdots$. For $u = x_k \in Tx$ $(k = 1, 2, 3, \cdots, n - 1)$, there exists $v = x_k \in Ty$ such that

$$\rho(u,v) = 0 < \frac{1}{2}\rho(x_n, x_m) = \phi(\rho(x_n, x_m)) = \phi(\rho(x_n, x_m)) - \phi(\rho(u, v)).$$

This show that T satisfies condition (31). Thus, all conditions of Theorem 3 hold. From Theorem 3, T possesses a fixed point, $x_* = x_1$.

Corollary 7. Let (E, ρ) be a complete metric space. Suppose that $T : E \to CL(E)$ is a set-valued map such that for each $x, y \in E$,

$$H(Tx,Ty) < \phi(\rho(x,y)) - \phi(H(Tx,Ty)),$$

where $\phi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$ is a strictly increasing function such that

$$\lim_{t \to 0^+} \phi(t) = 0.$$

Then, T possesses a fixed point.

Proof. Let $x, y \in E$ and let $u \in Tx$. As ϕ is strictly increasing,

 $\rho(u, Ty) + \phi(\rho(u, Ty)) < \phi(\rho(x, y)).$

Applying Lemma 4, there exists $v \in Ty$ such that

 $\rho(u,v) + \phi(\rho(u,v)) < \phi(\rho(x,y)).$

By Theorem 3, *T* possesses a fixed point. \Box

From Theorem 3 we have the following result.

Corollary 8 ([31]). *Let* (E, ρ) *be a complete metric space. Suppose that* $f : E \to E$ *is a map such that for each* $x, y \in E$ *,*

$$\rho(fx, fy) \le \phi(\rho(x, y)) - \phi(\rho(fx, fy))$$

where $\phi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$ is a function such that

$$\lim_{t\to 0^+}\phi(t)=0$$

Then, f possesses a fixed point.

3. Application

In this section, we give an application of our result to integral inclusion. Let $[a, b] \subset (-\infty, \infty)$ be a closed interval, and let $C([a, b], (-\infty, \infty))$ be the family of continuous mapping from [a, b] into $(-\infty, \infty)$. Let $E = C([a, b], (-\infty, \infty))$ and $\rho(x, y) = \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |x(t) - y(t)|$ for all $x, y \in E$. Then, (E, ρ) is a complete metric space.

Consider the Fredholm type integral inclusion:

$$x(t) \in \int_{a}^{b} K(t, s, x(s))ds + f(t), t \in [a, b]$$
(37)

where $f \in E$, $K : [a, b] \times [a, b] \times (-\infty, \infty) \rightarrow CB((-\infty, \infty))$, and $x \in E$ is the unknown function.

Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1st) For each $x \in E$, $K(\cdot, \cdot, x(s)) = K_x(\cdot, \cdot)$ is continuous;
- (2nd) There exists a continuous function $Z : [a, b] \times [a, b] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that for all $t, s \in [a, b]$ and all $u, v \in E$,

$$|k_u(t,s) - k_v(t,s)| \le Z(t,s)\rho(u(s),v(s))$$

where $k_u(t,s) \in K_u(t,s), k_v(t,s) \in K_v(t,s);$

(3rd) There exists $\alpha > 1$ such that

$$\sup_{t\in[a,b]}\int_a^b Z(t,s)ds\leq \frac{1}{2+\alpha}.$$

We apply the following theorem, known as Michael's selection theorem, to the proof of Theorem 5.

Theorem 4 ([32]). Let X be a paracompact space, and let B be a Banach space. Suppose that $F : X \to B$ is a lower semicontinuous set-valued map such that for all $x \in X$, F(x) is a nonempty closed and convex subset of B. Then $F : X \to B$ admits a continuous single valued selection.

Note that $(-\infty, \infty)$ with absolute value norm is a Banach space and closed intervals and singleton of real numbers are a convex subset of $(-\infty, \infty)$.

Theorem 5. Let (E, ρ) be a complete metric space. If conditions (1st), (2nd) and (3rd) are satisfied, then the integral inclusion (37) has a solution.

Proof. Define a set-valued map $T : E \to CB(E)$ by

$$Tx = \{y \in E : y(t) \in \int_{a}^{b} K(t, s, x(s))ds + f(t), t \in [a, b]\}.$$

Let $x \in E$ be given. For the set-valued map $K_x(t,s) : [a,b] \times [a,b] \rightarrow CB((-\infty,\infty))$, by applying Michael's selection theorem, there exists a continuous map $k_x(t,s) : [a,b] \times [a,b] \rightarrow (-\infty,\infty)$ such that

$$k_x(t,s) \in K_x(t,s), \forall t,s \in [a,b].$$

Thus,

$$\int_{a}^{b} k_{x}(t,s)ds + f(t) \in Tx,$$

and so $Tx \neq \emptyset$.

Since *f* and k_x are continuous, $Tx \in CB(E)$ for each $x \in E$. Let $y_1 \in Tx_1$. Then,

$$y_1(t) \in \int_a^b K(t, s, x_1(s)) ds + f(t), t \in [a, b]$$

Hence, there exists $k_{x_1}(t,s) \in K_{x_1}(t,s)$, $\forall t,s \in [a,b]$ such that

$$y_1(t) = \int_a^b k_{x_1}(t,s)ds + f(t), \forall t,s \in [a,b]$$

It follows from (2nd) that there exists $z(t,s) \in K_{x_2}(t,s)$ such that

$$|k_{x_1}(t,s) - z(t,s)| \le Z(t,s)\rho(x_1(s),x_2(s)), \forall t,s \in [a,b].$$

Let $U : [a, b] \times [a, b] \rightarrow CB((-\infty, \infty))$ be defined by

$$U(t,s) = K_{x_2}(t,s) \cap \{ u \in (-\infty,\infty) : \rho(k_{x_1}(t,s),u) \le \rho(x_1(s),x_2(s)) \}.$$

From (1st) *U* is continuous. Hence, it follows that there exists a continuous map $k_{x_2} : [a, b] \times [a, b] \to (-\infty, \infty)$ such that

$$k_{x_2}(t,s) \in U(t,s), \forall t,s \in [a,b].$$

Let

$$y_2(t) = \int_a^b k_{x_2}(t,s)ds + f(t), \forall t,s \in [a,b].$$

Then,

$$y_2(t) \in \int_a^b K_{x_2}(t,s)ds + f(t) = \int_a^b K(t,s,x_2(s))ds + f(t), \forall t,s \in [a,b],$$

and so $y_2 \in Tx_2$.

Thus, we obtain that

$$\rho(y_1, y_2) = \left| \int_a^b k_{x_1}(t, s) - k_{x_2}(t, s) ds \right|$$

$$\leq \sup_{t \in [a,b]} \int_a^b |k_{x_1}(t, s) - k_{x_2}(t, s)| ds$$

$$\leq \sup_{t \in [a,b]} \int_a^b Z(t, s) ds \rho(x_1(s), x_2(s))$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2 + \alpha} \rho(x_1(s), x_2(s)).$$

Thus, we have that

$$(1+\frac{1}{2}\alpha)\delta(Tx_1,Tx_2) \le \frac{1}{2}\rho(x_1,x_2)$$

which implies

$$(1+\frac{1}{2}\alpha)H(Tx_1,Tx_2) \leq \frac{1}{2}\rho(x_1,x_2).$$

Hence, we obtain that

$$H(Tx_1, Tx_2)) \le \phi(\rho(x_1, x_2)) - \phi(\alpha H(Tx_1, Tx_2)) <\phi(\rho(x_1, x_2)) - \phi(H(Tx_1, Tx_2)) \text{ where } \phi(t) = \frac{1}{2}t, \forall t \ge 0.$$

By Corollary 7, *T* possesses a fixed point, and hence the integral inclusion (37) has a solution. \Box

4. Conclusions

Our results are generalizations and extensions of *F*-contractions and Işik contractions to set-valued maps on metric spaces. We give a positive answer to Question 4.3 of [25] and an application to integral inclusion.

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